Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 08 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 09 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 07 Apr 2021 at 16:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the main themes with an unsettled and windy day on Thursday followed by another cold spell with snow showers. Low for details on Monday.

Headline for Thursday 08 Apr 2021: Very windy with occasional rain and summit snow. Driest in the east.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 08 Apr 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Light snow	Light snow	Light rain	Light rain	Sleet	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	60%	70%	70%	70%	70%	30%	60%

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Weather: Outbreaks of sleet or snow spreading east overnight. A very windy day with outbreaks of rain, falling as snow above 900m, most persistent over ranges west of the A9 with heavy snow and blizzards on the Munro tops but patchier in the east. A band of heavy rain and summit snow moves south in the afternoon followed by bright or clear spells and scattered showers, with the snow level falling to 400m by evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% in west, 60% in east, becoming generally 80% early evening after rain clears southwards.

Visibility: Often poor on high slopes with extensive cloud, bases 600-800m in west, 900-1000m in east. Whiteout conditions possible on Munro tops. Improving early evening but locally poor in wintry showers with cloud down to 700m at times.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	22/29 SW	35/45 SW	39/51 SW	43/57 SW	44/61 SW	45/62 W	39/55 W	43/60 W	35/48 W
900	18/26 SW	24/34 SW	27/39 SW	32/46 SW	34/51 SW	34/51 W	31/46 W	32/49 W	26/40 W
600	14/25 SW	18/33 SW	19/36 SW	24/43 SW	26/47 W	26/48 W	22/41 W	24/45 W	19/36 W
300	6/15 W	10/23 W	9/22 W	16/35 W	21/44 W	22/45 W	18/37 W	19/39 W	14/29 W
Glen	5/12 W	6/16 W	10/23 SW	17/34 SW	20/40 SW	22/43 W	19/38 W	18/37 W	13/28 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-6/-14	-4/-14	-2/-12	-2/-11	-1/-10	-2/-11	-4/-14	-5/-16	-6/-16
900	-4/-12	-3/-10	-1/-9	0/-8	1/-7	1/-7	-2/-11	-3/-13	-4/-12
600	-2/-8	-1/-7	1/-5	3/-3	4/-2	3/-4	0/-6	-1/-9	-2/-9
300	-1/-4	0/-4	2/-2	6/2	8/3	6/2	3/-2	2/-4	1/-4
Glen	-0/-3	1/-2	3/-1	7/3	9/5	8/3	5/-0	3/-3	2/-3
Freezing Level*	00m	200m	800m	1000m	1000m	900m	400m	300m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Gusts of 70mph on ridges and summits above 800m, perhaps 80mph over Lochnagar. Feeling very cold at height in the strong winds with a severe wind chill in the heavy rain and sleet.

Forecast for Friday 09 Apr 2021

Weather: Cold condition with sunny or clear spells and scattered snow showers but mainly dry over ranges south of Glenshee and Loch Tay.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 30-40mph gusts 60mph overnight, easing to 15-20mph with gusts 35mph in showers.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Visibility: Excellent for most of the time but sudden deteriorations in any showers, down to a few hundred metres for brief spells with patchy cloud down to 700 or 800m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2C rising to 4 or 5C.
At 800m: Minus 6C rising to Minus 2C during daytime.
Freezing level: 200m, rising to 400m during daytime.

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